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BONE DONATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bone banks in India, State-wise;

(b) bone donation rate in India as compared to the countries having maximum bone donations;

(c) whether India is facing a shortage of bone donors;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to augment bone donation and awareness about it in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b): Health being a State subject, the information is not maintained centrally. However, the Transplantation of Human Organs (Amendment) Act, 2011 provides for registration of tissue banks including bone banks.

(c) & (d): No such information has been reported to this Ministry.

(e): To create awareness for organ and tissue donation among the general public, the 6th World and first India Organ Donation Day was celebrated in November, 2010. The 2nd Indian Organ Donation Day was organized at AIIMS, New Delhi on 28th November, 2011 to emphasize and spread the message of organ donation among the public.

In addition, regional "Organ Donation Awareness workshops" were organized in 2011-12 in the cities of Bangalore, Hyderabad, Puducherry, Chennai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Pune, Chandigarh and Trivendrum through Regional Offices of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, for increasing the awareness among public for organ and tissue donation.